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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- ☐ 1. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)
[within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]
- ☐ 2. Certification Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)
[before Final Office Action or Allowance]
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The following are submitted in the above identified application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98:

- ☒ 5. A list of documents on form PTO-1449.*

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- ☐ 6. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]
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and
- ☐ 8. The required certification made in item 11 below; or

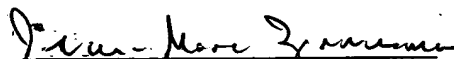
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- ☒ 9. The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ 10. 37 CFR §1.97(d): [before issue fee payment]; and
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- b) The required Certification is stated in item 11 below.
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- a) Each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement; or
- b) No item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing this document after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.
- ☐ 12. Please charge any applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. _____. An original and two (2) copies of this document are enclosed.

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